

## Aurora Minor Hockey Tigers roar together to help community with over 250 stockings and thousands of gift cards



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Once again, the Aurora Minor Hockey Teams collaborated their efforts to help out our community and bring smiles to those less fortunate.

A total of 31 Rep and House League teams and 5 families committed to preparing Christmas stockings, collecting cookies, toiletries and gift cards to help families in our wonderful hometown, during this magical time of the year!

With the leadership of Elena Avraam Neophytou, her countless hours to orchestrate this drive and to gather information pertinent to making this such a success was instrumental.

The Tigers' efforts and hard work will help 127 local families (262 adults and children) each have a Christmas Stocking through the Welcoming Arms/Saint Vincent De Paul assistance program. Their generosity raised \$4,000 in PC gift cards which will be a tremendous help to the WA program as it provides PC gift cards at Christmas time to the families accordingly.

Other gift cards were also donated (Tim's, McDonald's, Walmart, Bulk Barn). Swiss Chalet/Harvey's in Aurora came through again with boxes of chocolates and a meal coupon for each and every person. (As always, thank you, Anselmo Family).

A special mention goes out to the Aurora Tigers Pee wee A team who traded hockey sticks for glue sticks in an effort to make and sell holiday crafts to raise money for those in need. The team of boys created fun, whimsical gifts for all ages that they sold at their very own Tigers Holiday Charity Sale with 100% of the proceeds supporting Welcoming Arms.

We like to teach our kids that giving is part of being an AMHA member.

It is a privilege to play hockey and not everyone is as fortunate. Each year we like to give back and teach our children the AMHA's commitment to helping and building a strong community.

A great big thank you to the following teams and families for their participation:

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